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School idol diary
16♪ FIRST-YEARS HAVE IT ROUGH!

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LAST YEAR'S ORIENTATION LEADER WAS...
MISS KOUSAKA.
STAFF
ガーン
驚き桃の木！
衝撃の真姫!!
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YOU'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT...
THAT KOUSAKA?
YEAH?
OH, RIGHT. AREN'T YOU TWO IN THE SAME CLUB?
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THAT SCHOOL IDOL CLUB.
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WELL THEN, COULD YOU GO ASK HER AFTER SCHOOL?
I'M SURE SHE CAN GIVE YOU SOME GOOD IDEAS.
Staff
パタン

Sigh
WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE HONOKA!?
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I dunno♡
I NEED TO PLAN OUT THE YEARLY FRESHMEN ORIENTATION TRIP...
BUT EVEN IF I TRIED TO ASK HER FOR IDEAS...
I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE HER GIVING ME ANY SORT OF USEFUL ADVICE.
IN THAT CASE, MAYBE IT'LL GO FASTER IF I JUST THINK OF SOMETHING ON MY OWN?

OH...
UGH...
I'M NOT SURE WHETHER THIS COUNTS AS GOOD TIMING, OR TERRIBLE TIMING.
Yay!
MAKI!
OH, REALLY?
SO YOU'RE THE ORIENTATION LEADER, TOO!

NO! I'M THE CLASS REP!
Orientation leaders! Isn't that great?
THAT MAKES US TWO OF A KIND♡

Jeez...
THERE'S ONLY ONE FIRST-YEAR CLASS, RIGHT?

THEN WHY ARE YOU PLANNING THE ORIENTATION?
YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT THE CLASS REP'S JOB, RIGHT?
YEAH, WELL...

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I'M THINKING THEY REDUCED THE NUMBER OF CLASS OFFICERS SINCE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE.
THE 2ND YEARS HAVE A LOT OF POSITIONS THAT WE DON'T HAVE.
SO, WHAT DID YOU DO LAST YEAR?
I HEARD IT WAS JUST AN OVER-NIGHT STAY, WITHOUT MUCH ELSE TO DO.
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE HAVE ANY LESS WORK TO DO.
SO, THE CLASS REP GETS THE SHAFT.
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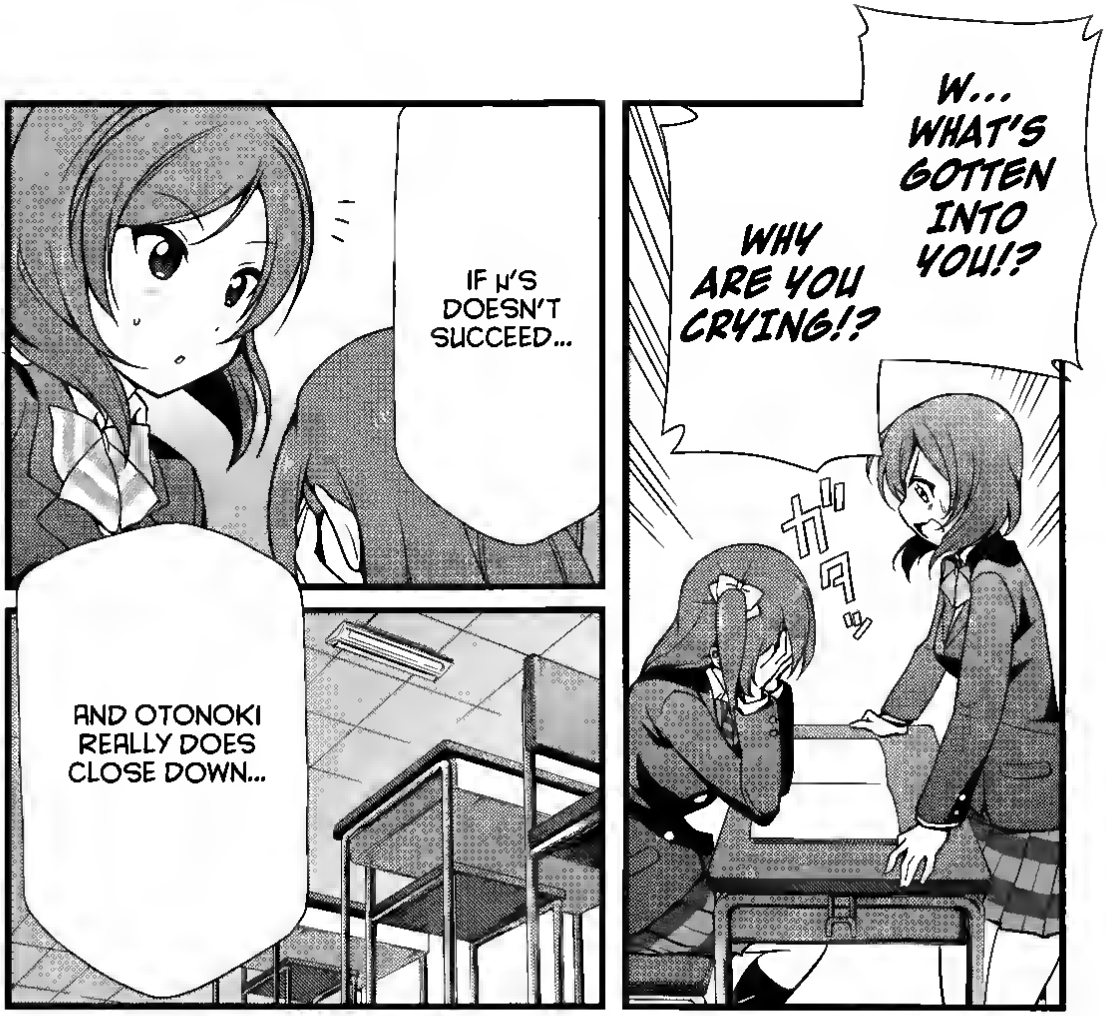
W... WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU!?
WHY ARE YOU CRYING!?
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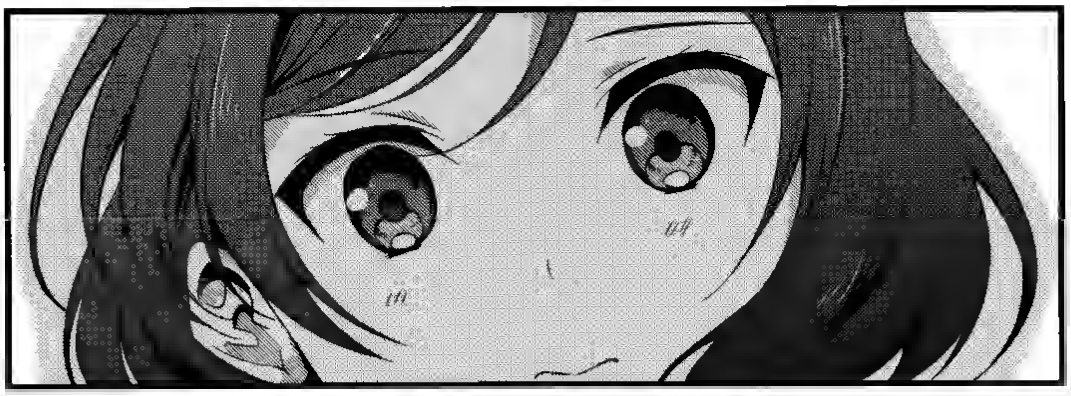
IF μ'S DOESN'T SUCCEED...
AND OTONOKI REALLY DOES CLOSE DOWN...

THEN THIS WILL BE OUR LAST ORIENTATION.



BUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
YOU AND μ'S ARE HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN, RIGHT?

YEAH, GUESS SO.
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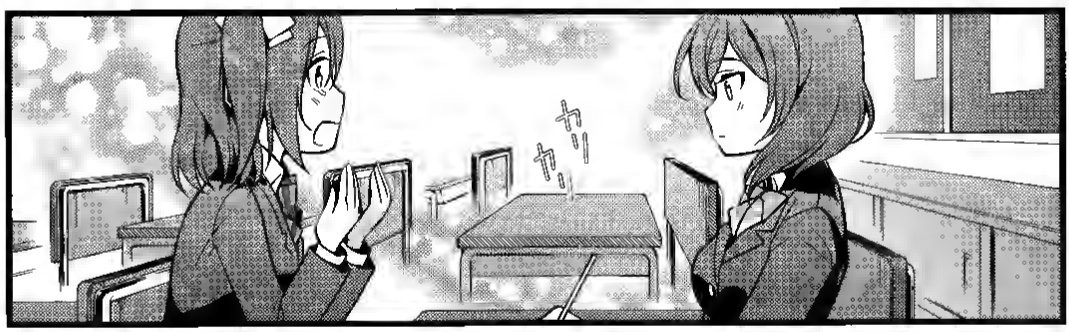
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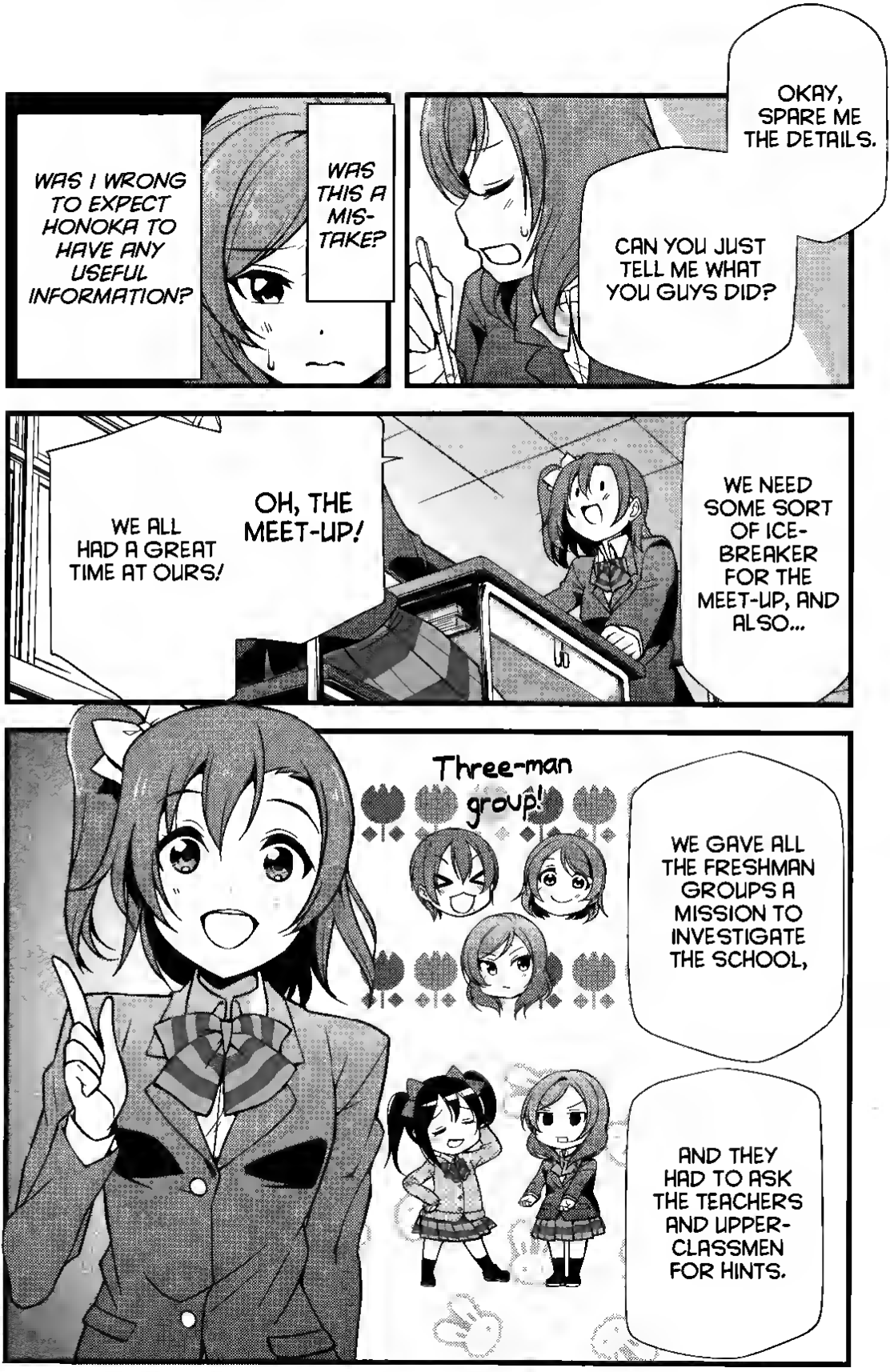
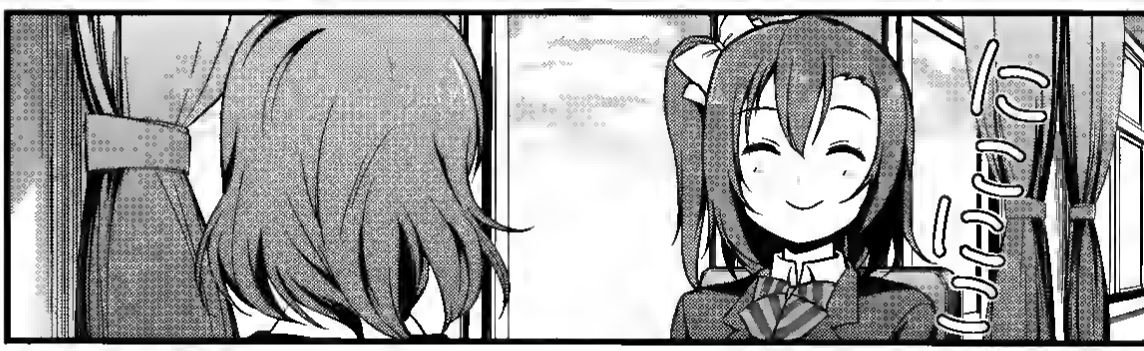
THAT'S RIGHT! I'VE GOTTA DO MY BEST FOR ALL THE FRESHMEN!
THANKS FOR ENROLING IN OTONOKI, EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE IT EVEN WORSE THAN WE DID!

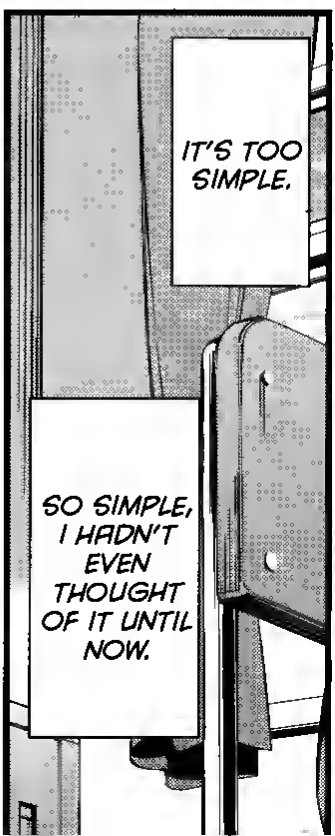

WAS I WRONG TO EXPECT HONOKA TO HAVE ANY USEFUL INFORMATION?
WAS THIS A MIS-TAKE?
OKAY, SPARE ME THE DETAILS.
CAN YOU JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU GUYS DID?
WE ALL HAD A GREAT TIME AT OURS!
OH, THE MEET-UP!
WE NEED SOME SORT OF ICE-BREAKER FOR THE MEET-UP, AND ALSO...
Three-man group!
WE GAVE ALL THE FRESHMAN GROUPS A MISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE SCHOOL,
AND THEY HAD TO ASK THE TEACHERS AND UPPER-CLASSMEN FOR HINTS.

AND THEN THE TOP SCORER WON A PRIZE! EVERYONE LOVED IT!
SO NOT ONLY DO WE GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER,
WE ALSO FAMILIARIZE OURSELVES WITH THE SCHOOL.
AND THE SCAVENGER HUNT THING SOUNDS PRETTY FUN TOO, ACTUALLY.
DID HONOKA REALLY COME UP WITH THIS PLAN BY HERSELF!?
Woah...
BUT, LIKE...
I DON'T REALLY KNOW ANY OF THE TEACHERS OR UPPER-CLASSMEN.
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. YOU DON'T HAVE KNOW SOMEONE TO ASK THEM FOR HELP!

EVERYONE'S HERE TO HELP THE NEW FIRST-YEARS.
AND WE'RE ALL HAPPY TO MEET NEW FRIENDS!



TO BE HONEST ABOUT THE OTHER ORIENTA-TIONS AND FIELD TRIPS I'VE BEEN ON...
THEY HAVEN'T LEFT GOOD IMPRES-SIONS ON ME


IT'S TOO SIMPLE.
SO SIMPLE, I HADN'T EVEN THOUGHT OF IT UNTIL NOW.

"WE'RE ALL HAPPY TO MEET NEW FRIENDS"...

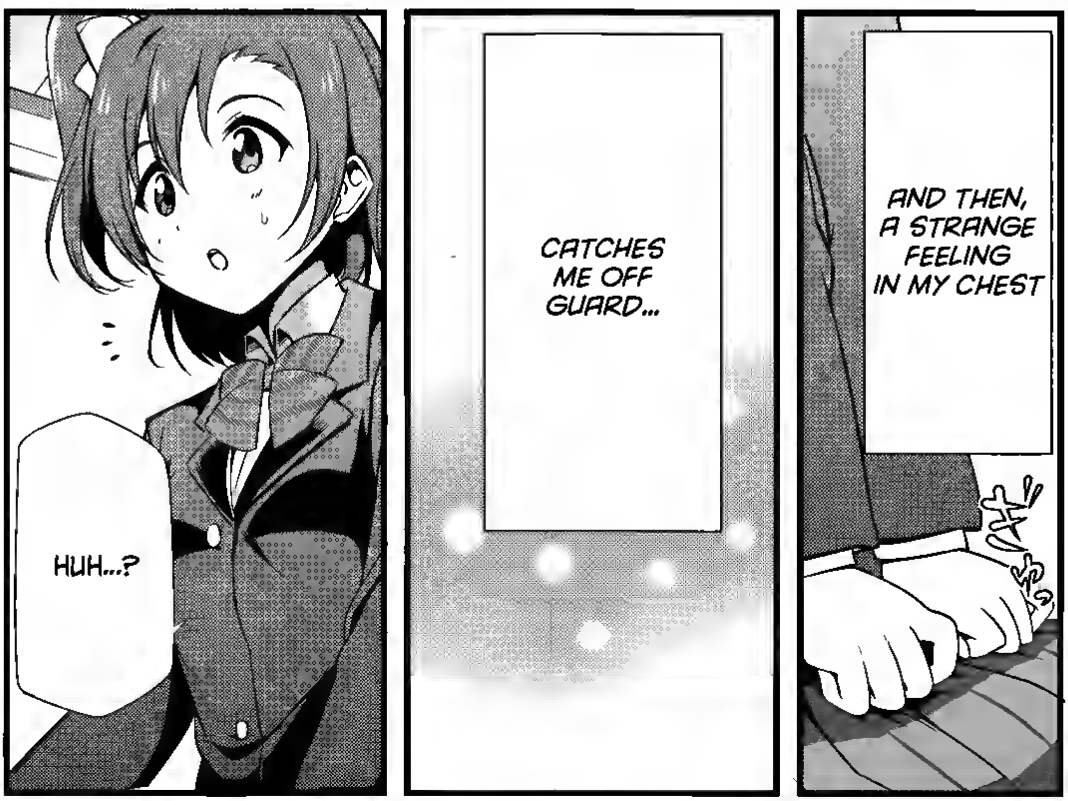
I'D ALWAYS GET PUT IN THE GROUP THAT DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE...
Nice to meet you!
THEN, I'D SOME-HOW GET PICKED TO BE GROUP LEADER...
AND THEN I'D GET MYSELF INTO A HUGE MESS...
OR IT JUST FELT LIKE I DIDN'T REALLY BELONG...

THAT'S THE SORT OF IMPRESSION I HAVE OF SCHOOL TRIPS.
"WE'RE ALL HAPPY TO MEET NEW FRIENDS"...
YEAH... I GUESS SOMETIMES, IT REALLY IS JUST THAT SIMPLE.

AND THEN, WE ALL GET TOGETHER FOR THE CLOSING PARTY ON THE LAST DAY!
USUALLY, THERE'S SOME BUDGET LEFT OVER FROM THIS PART.
BUT, IF YOU RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL OR USE IT FOR OTHER STUFF, YOU GOTTA DO ALL THIS PAPERWORK AND GET TEACHERS TO STAMP IT OFF.
AND IT'S A HUGE PAIN IN THE BUTT.
SO JUST SPEND IT ALL ON DESSERTS FOR EVERYONE TO EAT ♪
AS SHE EXPLAINS MORE AND MORE TO ME...

LITTLE BY LITTLE...
HONOKA'S FACE STARTS TO LOOK MORE AND MORE MATURE...

IT'S NOTHING LIKE HER USUAL SELF.
SHE'S TOTALLY LOOKING LIKE AN OLDER SISTER TO ME.


AND THEN, A STRANGE FEELING IN MY CHEST
CATCHES ME OFF GUARD...
HUH...?

A-ARE YOU CRYING!?
N-NO! WHY WOULD I BE CRYING!?
OH NO!
IT'S JUST... SOMETHING GOT IN MY EYE, THAT'S ALL!
REALLY!?

LET ME SEE!
HEY! CUT IT OUT!
AND EVEN MORE TEARS ARE GONNA COME OUT!
I'M JUST GONNA GET MORE NERVOUS,
IF YOU GET THAT CLOSE,
ONE OF THE GIRLS, WELL, SHE'S A SENIOR NOW, BUT SHE TOLD ME ALL ABOUT IT WHEN I WAS A FRESHIE TOO!
ACTUALLY, MAKI, THAT'S OTONOKI'S TRADITIONAL ORIENTATION!
OK!

I WAS SO SURPRISED WHEN THEY TOLD ME ABOUT IT,
LIKE, *CAN I REALLY DO THAT BY MY-SELF?*
JUST GO OUT THERE AND HAVE THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE!
BUT THEN I TRIED IT, AND IT WAS SO, SO, SO MUCH FUN!
YOU GOTTA DO IT TOO, MAKI!

...THAT FRESHMEN ORIENTATIONS GET STARTED.
MAYBE THIS IS THE WAY...
AND A NATURAL, FRUITFUL EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE OLDER AND YOUNGER STUDENTS.
ALL THROUGH WORD OF MOUTH,
A HISTORY PASSED DOWN THE GENERATIONS,
AW MAN, I WISH I COULD DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN, TOO!
I'M SURE YOU'LL MAKE TONS AND TONS OF NEW FRIENDS!
WELL, I'M AN HONORS STUDENT.
THAT'S THE KINDA THING I NOTICE.

ARE YOU EXCITED TOO, MAKI?
IT'S GONNA BE GREAT! YOU'LL HAVE A BLAST!
SURE WILL.

ON THIS NOONTIME BREAK WITH MY UPPER-CLASSMAN HONOKA.
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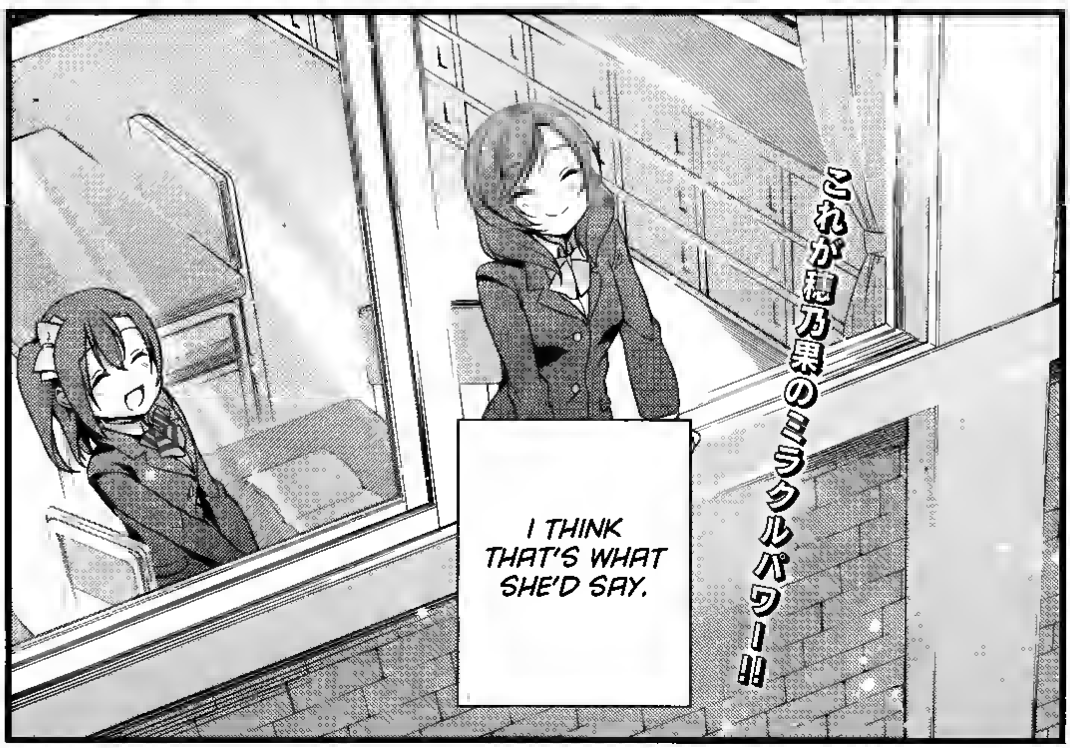
THE ANSWER JUST COMES NATURALLY OUT OF MY MOUTH.
GLAD THAT I ENROLLED IN OTONOKIZAKA, AND JOINED μ'S
IT MAKES ME FEEL GLAD THAT I CAME HERE.
I THINK HONOKA HAS HAD A HUGE INFLUENCE ON ME.
AT THIS POINT...

IF MY PAST SELF SAW ME NOW, WOULD SHE SNEER AND LAUGH?
NO...
I DON'T THINK SO...

"WAY TO GO, MAKI."


I THINK THAT'S WHAT SHE'D SAY.
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